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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Gerald D. Pedersen

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For: PLUG-DROPPING CONTAINER  
FOR RELEASING A PLUG INTO  
A WELLBORE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 12, 2005**

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on September 12, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0153.P1/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 19 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.